REMARKS

In response to the Election Requirement dated March 18, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Claims 1-6 corresponding to Figure 2, species I for examination on the merits in the present application. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

In addition, the present Preliminary Amendment adds new Claim 19, which depends from Claim 6 for examination on the merits. New Claim 19 is support at least by page 12, lines 7-12; page 13, lines 11-16, and page 15, line 19 to page 16, line 1 in the specification.

Thus, an early and favorable examination of Claims 1-6 and 19 is respectfully requested.

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